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AUTOTAXIN: MOTILITY STIMULATING PROTEIN USEFUL

IN CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Box Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 16, 2000, applicants present the following amendment and remarks. Claims 20-25 are pending and stand rejected. Applicants present claims 20-27 for review and reconsideration on the merits.

AMENDMENT

An isolated polypeptide-comprising-an amino acid sequence 20. (amended) -of_human_autotaxin_having phosphodiesterase activity, and[,] wherein said polypeptide is a cell motility-stimulating peptide [thereof has cell motility activity].

The polypeptide of claim 20, wherein said polypeptide 21. (amended)

comprises a phosphodiesterase active site [is a fragment thereof having at least 5 amino acids].